

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-100-C - ORDER NO. 2005-740
DECEMBER 16, 2005

IN RE: Generic Proceeding to Investigate Emergency) ORDER SETTING
Services Continuity Plans) MEETING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a request filed by several parties to this Docket that a meeting be scheduled for January 18, 2006, in lieu of the presently scheduled evidentiary hearing.

This proceeding was established by this Commission pursuant to Order No. 2003-218, issued April 3, 2003, in Docket No. 2003-89-C in order to investigate emergency services continuity plans in general and their various ramifications. Order No. 2005-462 granted postponement of a hearing scheduled for August 31, 2005, which was to allow the parties ninety (90) days to work toward a consensus on the issues raised in the proceeding. A hearing was then scheduled for January 18, 2006.

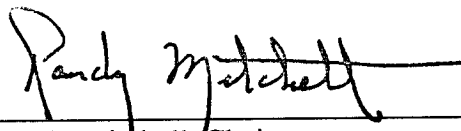
At this time, the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) and other parties move that this Commission hold a meeting on that date, in lieu of an evidentiary hearing, and subsequent to the filing of a final recommended agreement on January 9, as proposed by the parties to this current request. In that meeting, the parties state that the Commission and parties can hear from the present parties on their efforts to resolve this matter, and receive comment from other interested parties in the docket or from friends of the court.

Under this scenario, these comments can be in the form of argument, and need not entail sworn testimony. While not evidence, such comments will be transcribed for the record of the docket. After this transcription, the Commission can determine what additional measures will be necessary for it to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

We believe that this approach is useful under the scenario presented by this case. We believe a meeting might well be the best approach to obtain useful information in this complex matter. Therefore, we approve the request. The January 18, 2006, proceeding shall be in the form of a meeting, at which parties shall feel free to present argument or information in other forms. The meeting shall be transcribed.

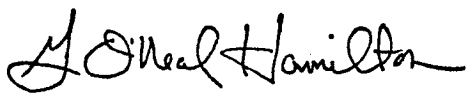
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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